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SUBJECT: FOURTH KING OF BHUTAN CONGRATULATES A/S BLAKE ON
HIS APPOINTMENT

1. (U) The Bhutanese Embassy in New Delhi delivered a letter from the Fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, to Assistant Secretary Bob Blake, congratulating him on his appointment. We will send the original letter, along with the original letters from the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, to SCA/INS.

2. (U) Begin text:

11th June, 2009

Your Excellency,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and warmest felicitations to you on your appointment as the US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Affairs.

With your experience and diplomatic skills, I have every confidence that you will carry out your duties with great distinction. I wish you every success in fulfilling your important responsibilities of the highly demanding position.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer you my best wishes for your personal well-being and happiness.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

//signed//

Jigme Singye Wangchuck
Fourth King of Bhutan

H.E. Mr. Robert O. Blake,
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